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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S JANUARY 14 PRESS CONFERENCE - ANGOLA

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1. AT MEETING WITH FONMIN KAMOUQUE JANUARY 19 COVERING SEVERAL TOPICS, AMBASSADOR USED SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF JANUARY 14 TO PRESENT AGAIN TO FONMIN U.S. POSITION ON ANGOLA QUESTION AND TO DESCRIBE U.S. POLICY AS SET OUT BY SECRETARY AT THAT CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR TOOK WITH HIM AND LEFT WITH FONMIN FRENCH TEXT OF EXCERPTS OF PRESS CONFERENCE (AS RECEIVED USIS HERE) APPROPRIATELY MARKED AT POINTS WHERE POLICY STATEMENTS ON ANGOLA WERE MADE.

2. AMBASSADOR ASKED FONMIN HOW HE SAW ANGOLAN SITUATION NOW. MINISTER SAID HE KNEW LITTLE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON OTHER THAN WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPORTED, BUT EXPRESSED SADNESS AT SITUATION ON SEVERAL GROUNDS:

A. DISASTROUS CURRENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA ITSELF, POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

B. POSSIBILITY THAT SITUATION MIGHT DETERIORATE TO THE POINT WHERE ONE GROUP GOVERNED A LARGE PART OF THE COUNTRY WITH INSURGENTS OPERATING IN THE REMAINDER WITH THE LIKELIHOOD THAT

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THIS COULD GO ON FOR YEARS.

C. REGRET THAT ANGOLA PROBLEM HAS LED TO SPLIT IN OAU, SINCE AFRICAN UNITY IS ALL IMPORTANT TO AFRICANS AS BASE FOR PEACE ON THE CONTINENT AND ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

3. AS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE, FONMIN THINKS THAT "THE BIG POWERS" CAN DO MOST TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION. AT END OF MEETING MINISTER VOLUNTEERED THAT NO OTHER COUNTRY HAD INFLUENCED THEM IN THEIR DECISION TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA. HE SAID THAT GOC DECISION WAS BASED ON CAREFUL ANALYSIS OVER LONG PERIOD OF TIME.
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